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In re: Brabson et al.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated November 17, 2004.

Please charge IBM Deposit Account 09-0641 in the amount of \$500.00 for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

On January 14, 2005, Applicants mailed a Request for Reconsideration to respond to the Final Office Action of November 17, 2004 under the expedited procedure of 37 C.F.R. 1.116. The Request for Reconsideration does appear in the "Image File Wrapper" section of PAIR and is stamped as received by the U.S.P.T.O. on January 18, 2005. No response to the Request for Reconsideration filed January 14, 2005 has been received from the U.S.P.T.O. by Applicants. As of the time of mailing of the present Notice of Appeal, no response is listed in PAIR. Because the Request for Reconsideration was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action and no Advisory Action or other response has been received from the U.S.P.T.O., Applicants do not believe that any extension of time is required for the filing of the present Notice of Appeal. However, in the event that an extension of time is required,

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Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time or for such an extension of time as is sufficient to allow entry of the present Notice of Appeal. Any petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0641.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0641.

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